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[Despatch Abstract.]

Re-establishment - Temporary - (South Kanara) - Puttur Taluk - Sullia Amka - Illicit felling - L-Rs - Detection - Special Staff - Sanctioned

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.
Subject.

Forest offences--South Kanara district--Puttur taluk--Sullia firka Illicit felling of trees--Detection--Special Staff--Sanction--Requested.

Ref.B 6920/50-1 dated 20-7-1950

From

Sri A.F.Mascarenhas,
Secretary, Board of Revenue.

Sri W.R.S.Sattianathan,I.C.S.
Commissioner of Land Revenue.

Read from the Collector of South Kanara Ref.No.14674/50 B1 dated 30-6-50

Submitted to the Government.

2. In the circumstances reported by the Collector in his letter read above, the Board recommends that the Government may be pleased to sanction the appointment of one special Revenue Inspector and a peon under him for a period of three months from the date of appointment.

The expenditure is debitable to "25 General Administration--District Administration Miscellaneous--"Other Establishments A Taluk Establishments--Ord. areas".

For Secretary.

To The Secretary to Government, (Revenue department).

Copy of Ref.No.14674-50 B1 of the South Kanara Collector, dated 30-6-50.

Forest offences--Puttur taluk--Sullia firka--Illicit felling--Detection Special Staff--Appointment--Requested.

I enclose copies of reports Ref.C.No.5087/50-B5 dated 29-5-50 of the Tahsildar, Puttur and N.Dis.5320/50 dated 2-6-50 of the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttur, describing the extent of illicit felling of Government trees in Sullia firka of Puttur taluk. Many cases could not be detected as the existing staff which is heavily worked has not been able to attend to forest offence cases properly and in time. Though some cases were detected and booked, they were acquitted in criminal courts for want of sufficient evidence and also on account of delay in enquiry and delay in launching prosecution. A statement showing number of forest offences cases relating to this firka filed in a criminal court and their results, is enclosed. It can be seen from this statement that all cases were acquitted. Due to these acquittals and lack of control by Government the offenders appear to have received encouragement. At present there are 38 cases pending enquiry in this firka in addition to a number of cases undetected. The Tahsildar Puttur reports that the annual estimated loss to Government due to illicit felling of trees in this firka alone can be estimated to be Rs.10,000/-. On account of the prevailing high prices of timber, there is a temptation for illicit felling of trees from Government lands. Unless some special staff works in this firka for some time exclusively to this item of work, there is no chance of the evil being eradicated. I, therefore, consider that appointment of one special Revenue Inspector and a peon is absolutely necessary for a period of 3 months from the date of appointment. I recommend that the special staff mentioned above may be sanctioned at an early date.

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Copy of report Ref.C.No.5087/50-B5 from the Tahsildar Puttur dated 29-5-50 to the Collector of South Kanara through the Revenue Divl. Officer, Puttur.

Forest Offences--Puttur taluk--Sullia firka--Detection special staff--applied for.

The villages of Sullia firka are full of thick forests. Cases of smuggling of timber from Government A.W. Lands have been on the increase from year to year. Guthigar, Nallurkemraje, Bellare, Aivarnad and Aranthodu tarfs included in the firka are the main areas of such smuggling cases. In Guthigar tarf alone there are 20 detected cases of illicit fellings and in the rest of the villages of the firka there are 38 cases pending enquiry or final disposal at present in this office. There may be other cases of illicit cutting of trees which have not been brought to light.

2. A list showing the results of prosecution of forest offences of 46-47 and 47-48 relating to Guthigar tarf is appended.--It can be seen from it that they have all ended in acquittal in the court. The chief cause of the acquittals is of course, insufficiency of evidence but this is brought about by the fact that the illicit fellings could not be enquired into and prosecution launched without any long lapse of time after the offences were detected. The villagers invariably and the village officers some times form into combinations and they not only do not cooperate in the investigation but also suppress whatever evidence is available. Unless the investigating officer has the time, tact and patience to be in the village for some time it may be impracticable for him to have adequate evidence gathered in the rest offences.

Sullia firka is the biggest one in area in this taluk with no facilitie r tour. The Revenue Inspector with his multifarious urgent duties has not en able to attend to all the forest offence cases properly or timely. In a moderate estimate the loss to Government on account of the smuggling timbers from Government lands in this firka may be about Rs.10,000 r year. Unless some special staff works in the firka for some time to tect and enquire into the forest offence cases there is no chance of the il being decreased. I therefore suggest that a special revenue inspector th powers of a firka revenue inspector and a peon for him may be get nctioned for the firka for one year to attend to this special work.

Sd. Tahisldar d.30-5-50.

Dis.5320/50

Submitted to the Collector of South Kanara.

2. The difficulties and the facts explained by the Tahsildar e true and call for serious consideration. If the Tahsildar's proposals e approved, it will go a long way in the successful detection of many rest offences. In some cases though sufficient evidence comes forth at the vestigation stage to book an offender, many cases sent to court end in ost acquittal owing to the witnesses turning hostile. It is very fficult to cure this evil.

I am personally satisfied that large scale illicit fellings ve been going on in this area without proper check. Offenders appear have received encouragement from lack of control by the Government. The appointment of a suitable special revenue inspector will not only help successful detection and prosecution of offenders, but also will deter them from indulging in their malpractices in future. I strongly recommend the special staff applied for by the Tahsildar. in the interests of efficient administration.

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Statement showing the number of forest offence cases relating to Sullia firka filed in the court of the Stationary sub Magistrate Puttur and their results.

1946-47

		Compounding fees	Date of acquittal
1. O.R. 34/46-47	Nalkur	Rs 75/-	7-10-49
2. do. 35/46-47	do.	Rs.233-9-6	17-12-49
3. do. 36/46-47	do.Guttigar	Rs.1011-1-0	7-10-49
4. do. 37/46-47	do.	Rs 334-14-3	17-2-50
5. do. 38/46-47	do.	Rs.90/-	7-10-49
6. do.39/46-47	do.	Rs.435-4-0	do.
7. do. 40/46-47	do.	Rs.60/-	do

1947-48

1. do. 25/47-48	Guttigar	Rs.356-11-3	7-10-49
2. do. 26/47-48	Nalkur	Rs.891-2-4	do.
3. do. 27/47-48	do.	Rs.188-4-3	17-2-50
4. do. 28/47-48	Guttigar	1018-13-3	30-9-49
5. do. 29/47-48	do.	212-13-3	7-10-49
6. do. 59/47-48	Devachalla	80-0-0	10-7-49

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For Secretary.

Pl. issue for 24/8/50

[C.No. 52229 C/50]

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Rev. dept

From the Bd of Rev Ref. B. 6920/50-1 Dated 20-7-50.

24/8/50

G.O. Ms No. 2299 Dated 23.8.50

In the circumstances stated, sanction is accorded to the employment, for a period of three months from the date appointment of a lower division clerk on Rs 45 – 9 d.w. to work as special Revenue Inspector and a peon on Rs 18 – 25 p.m. to work under him for work connected with the detection of illicit felling of ~~g~~ trees in the Sullia firka of Puttur taluk, South Kanara district. The staff will be entitled to the T.T.A and D.A. admissible under rules.

2. The expenditure should be debited to "2515 General Administration — District Administration — Miscellaneous — Other Establishments — Taluk Establishments — Taluk areas"

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Forest offences - (South Kanara) - Puttur taluk - Sullia firka - Illicit felling of trees - Detection - Special staff - Sanction

pp 1-3 cf. From the Bd of Rev Ref. B. 6920/50-1 Dated 20.7.50

To A.S.

Please see the Board's Refce and its enclosure in the Cf.

2. The Collector of South Kanara has reported the circumstances under which a large number of cases of smuggling of timber in the villages of Sullia firka from Government assessed waste lands go undetected while some cases which are detected and booked end in acquittal. He estimates that the annual loss to Govt. due to illicit felling of trees in this firka alone will be about Rs 10,000 and recommends the employment of special staff in this firka for some time exclusively for this item of work. He has accordingly recommended the appointment of ~~a~~ a Rev. Inspector and a peon for 3 months. The Board of Revenue has supported the Collector's proposal. It is for orders whether the Collector's proposals may be accepted. It is presumed that the R.I. and the peon should be allowed T.T.A as in the case of a firka R.I. and peon.

Subject to orders a draft order submitted for approval.

Dev. and Fin may see for acceptance

Vide Collectors letter on p 1 c. 7.

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To A.S.

The draft order below may be accepted and the file passed on to Finance.

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Rev. Dept.

Memo No. A.O. No. 79076 C1/50

8.8.50

Please see Rev. note on p. 1 above. — Fin (E II)

The draft order below may be accepted. (The extra cost involved will be Rs 547 for the period of 3 mths)

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For (C) Dept.

Fin. U.O. No. 70729 E II/50 — 11/8/50

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SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FINANCE — 9 AUG 1950 — GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

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FIFTH ASSISTANT SECRETARY, FINANCE — 12 AUG 1950 — DEVELOPMENT

Rev. dept. Rev. dept. U.O.No. 82287 C1/50-1

To A.S.

The draft order below which has been above accepted by Rev. and Fin. may now issue.

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